MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are the Head Sirkar Vakil, the Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil, etc. The number is given in the *Civil List*.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do not the Government consider that all these vakils are competent to conduct this case?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise here.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Then, why was Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai specially appointed?

PRESIDENT: The reason is given in the printed answer.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Why was Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai appointed when there are so many Sirkar Vakils to conduct the case?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reason is there, in part (*b*) of the answer.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Whenever an attempt is made against an officer's character, do the Government propose to defend him as in the present case?

PRESIDENT: That is a hypothetical question.

Filling of Vacancies of Assistant Excise Commissioners.

46. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it a fact that there are two permanent vacancies of Assistant Excise Commissioners in the Excise Department, and that in those vacancies two junior Inspectors have been acting for the last two years?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are more than three supernumerary officers in the grades of Tahsildars and Superintendents of the Huzur Secretariat?

(*c*) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not absorbing two of these supernumeraries in these permanent vacancies?

(*d*) Have any supernumerary officers applied for a place in the Excise Department, and, if so, what are the orders passed on their applications?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are two permanent vacancies in the grade of Assistant Excise Commissioners in the department. The two officers who are acting in these two vacancies are the two senior First Grade Inspectors.

(*b*) There are no supernumerary Tahsildars now. There is a supernumerary Superintendent in the Huzur Secretariat; he has been absorbed in a vacancy which will become permanent in the near future.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) above, this question does not arise.

(*d*) Yes. There was one such application by the supernumerary Superintendent mentioned in part (*b*) and it was forwarded to the Excise Commissioner.

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[President].

MR A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that there are seven senior Inspectors with longer service in the first grade?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There may be men with longer service; but these are the two seniormost Inspectors in the *cadre* now.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that severe strictures have been passed both by the Government and by the Excise Commissioner on these two officers—Mr. Parasu Pillai and Mr. Sankara Aiyar—on the detective work done by them, the latter having detected only one case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): Government might have; I do not remember.

Mr. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did not Mr. Govinda Pillai Superintendent in the Huzur Secretariat, apply for the place of Assistant Excise Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He is the person referred to in part (*d*) of the answer.

Mr. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Has he not seventeen years' service to his credit?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He has.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does he not permanently draw Rs. 160?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He does.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Then why was his claim overlooked in favour of the two officers who were drawing Rs. 105 and Rs. 120 respectively?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He is not in the Excise Department and no question of claim arises in his case.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does it mean that only officers in the Excise Department could have promotions in the Excise Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ordinarily.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not the policy of the Government that the services in the State, especially from the Huzur Secretariat, should have a free flow and that new blood should be infused in the executive branches of the service so that the officers may not vegetate in the Secretariat?

PRESIDENT: That is a question involving a request for a declaration of policy. It cannot be put now.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : I ask, is it not the declared policy of the Government on the authority of which so many others have been drafted to the executive departments? Mr. Van Ross, Mr. Raman Pillai and others were similarly drafted.

PRESIDENT : That is a question of policy.

Toddy Shop at Kadappakkada, Quilon Taluk.

47. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Have the Government received a memorial signed by the inhabitants of the Uliyakkovil, Pattattanam and Asramam *cheries* of Quilon taluk, living near toddy shop No. 19, which is situated in the market place called Kadappakkada, praying for the abolition or removal of that shop?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to pass early orders granting the request of the memorialists?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) The answer is in the negative.
(*b*) The question does not arise.

Posting of Brahmin Teachers in Vernacular Schools.

48. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector of Vernacular Schools generally transfers Brahmin teachers to centres where there are Devaswom choultries and Government feeding-houses and retains such teachers in those centres for inordinately long periods?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to look into the statistics regarding this matter and place the same on the table to see whether the transfers ordered by the Inspector or his subordinates are such as to lend colour to any allegation as above indicated?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :
(*a*) There are no Devaswom choultries or Government feeding-houses to which Brahmin teachers are at liberty to resort. By G. O. No. D. 1748, dated the 11th May, 1909, the practice of Sirkar servants being fed in mofussil *oottupuras* has been ordered to be completely stopped. Teachers are posted and retained in the several stations according to the exigencies of the service, and, under circular No. VII dated the 22nd April, 1915, they are posted, as far as possible, to schools in or near their native places. The Ag. Director of Public Instruction reports that the question whether a Brahmin teacher can have free meal in a station is not a consideration which has ever weighed with the Inspector of Vernacular Schools in the posting of teachers.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this is not necessary.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Are the Government in a position to illustrate their answer with reference to any particular school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Will the member kindly explain the question further?

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